

109TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 3910

To direct the Joint Committee on the Library to accept the donation of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth and to display the bust in a suitable location in the Capitol.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

Mrs. CLINTON (for herself and Mr. SPECTER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. FINDINGS.**

4 Congress finds as follows:

5 (1) Sojourner Truth was a towering figure
6 among the founders of the movement for women's
7 suffrage in the United States, and no monument
8 that does not include her can accurately represent
9 this important development in our Nation's history.

1 (2) The statue known as the Portrait Monu-
 2 ment, originally presented to Congress in 1920 in
 3 honor of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment
 4 guaranteeing women the right to vote and presently
 5 exhibited in the rotunda of the Capitol, portrays sev-
 6 eral early suffragists who were Sojourner Truth's
 7 contemporaries but not Sojourner Truth herself, the
 8 only African American among the group.

9 **SEC. 2. ACCEPTANCE AND DISPLAY OF BUST OF SO-**
 10 **JOURNER TRUTH IN CAPITOL.**

11 (a) ACCEPTANCE OF DONATION OF BUST.—Not later
 12 than 2 years after the date of the enactment of this Act,
 13 the Joint Committee on the Library shall accept the dona-
 14 tion of a bust depicting Sojourner Truth, subject to such
 15 terms and conditions as the Joint Committee considers ap-
 16 propriate.

17 (b) DISPLAY.—The Joint Committee shall place the
 18 bust accepted under subsection (a) in a suitable perma-
 19 nent location in the Capitol.

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